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SUBJECT: TRANSMISSION TO FIELD OF PRESIDENTIAL NEWS SUMMARY

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY FROM USIA, EMBASSY HAS IN PAST REAFFIRMED GREAT VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF WIRELESS FILE TO OUR ACTIVITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA. RADIO RECEPTION IN SAUDI ARABIA IS OFTEN POOR, AND NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES FROM ABROAD ARRIVE HERE LATE AND ARE FURTHER DELAYED BY PAINSTAKING CENSORSHIP.

2. GIVEN THE DEARTH OF CONVENTIONAL NEWS SOURCES, WE WONDER IF DEPARTMENT MIGHT CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTING USIS WIRELESS FILE BY ARRANGING FOR TRETANSMISSION TO FIELD OF PRESIDENT'S DAILY NEWS SUMMARY. WHILE IN THE WHITE HOUSE, AMBASSADOR AKINS FOUND THIS SUMMARY TO BE PERCEPTIVE AND COMPLETE. IF THIS SUMMARY (OR PERHAPS A SIMILAR SUMMARY PREPARED FOR THE SECRETARY) WERE TRANSMITTED TO THE FIELD, IT COULD BEAR AN APPROPRIATE HIGH CLASSIFICATION, AND PERHAPS BE MARKED FOR AMBASSADOR'S

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3. IT IS POSSIBLE ALSO THAT AMBASSADORS AT OTHER ISOLATED, REMOTE POSTS WOULD ALSO FIND THIS SUMMARY EXTREMELY USEFUL AND INFORMATIVE.

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